

because of its daring though chaste invasion of a realm heretofore shrouded in medical and scientific secrecy.

Its purpose, the writer asserts, is to eradicate from the young mind whatever gross associations may have been acquired concerning the functions of precreation.

"I transferred my story," explains Mrs. Lamson, "from the technical medical terms to language that everyone may understand. I wrote it in such a way that it may be told to children without offense. If mothers and future mothers can get some help and inspiration from 'My Birth' I shall feel amply repaid."

Decrying the existence of "so many trashy, sensational sex hygiene books written for commercial reasons only," Mrs. Lamson continued:

"This book is the autobiography of our Bobbie before he was born.

"I am pleading for the mother of today, and for the children who, because of a wrong sense of modesty, are not permitted to learn about the greatest secret of life—its origin.

"This is one of our most dreadful conventions; its results are hideous!

"Equipped with scientific knowledge of the subject, I felt impelled to write this book in response to the urgent need of youth for true information concerning motherhood. It seemed to me a solemn duty."

"My Birth" ends where other books usually begin. It tells in simplest language the story of life and its origin, based upon the newest accepted biological theories. Mrs. Lamson speaks frankly of the things that interest every mother.

"I feel like a hero," muses the unborn babe, "because I know it was

daring to speak of that miracle which made my birth a possibility."

After telling how he came to be, his book in the closing chapter has Bobbie say:

"As the day approaches when this chapter of my life will close to open in the next realm of joys, sorrows, hopes and realities I am speculating on that world soon to be mine.

"Men and women—they all seem slaves of custom and fashion. I see that cities are but gigantic beehives where money is queen and the countless drones are struggling and crushing each other to have a glimpse of this irresistible mistress of man."

Mrs. Lamson was born in Erzerum, Armenia, and has been in America six years. She studied at John Hopkins and did medical research work for Dr. George W. Crile of Cleveland, one of the world's leading surgeons.

#### EXCERPTS FROM DIARY OF MRS. LAMSON'S UNBORN BABE

"The most interesting secret buried in my birth seems to be my future sex. I suppose all prospective mothers do their utmost to guess: 'Is it going to be a boy or a girl?'

"I am happy to be a boy because your world seems to be revolving around manhood. Women are only incidents, no matter how important a part they play in the bringing and preservation of life.

"Now that I have given out the greatest secret in the life of man, I wonder why the episode which concerns the beginning of man is barred from the conservation of all so-called good people!"

—From "My Birth."

## FASHION'S EXTREME DIMENSIONS

BY BETTY BROWN

Some special equipment for both fair and foul weather is part of every well planned Easter wardrobe.

By giving a little study to her se-

lections, any girl can possess the extremes of fashion and yet not seem freakishly attired. On a bright and sunny day she can go forth to walk in the simplest of straight-line tunics